

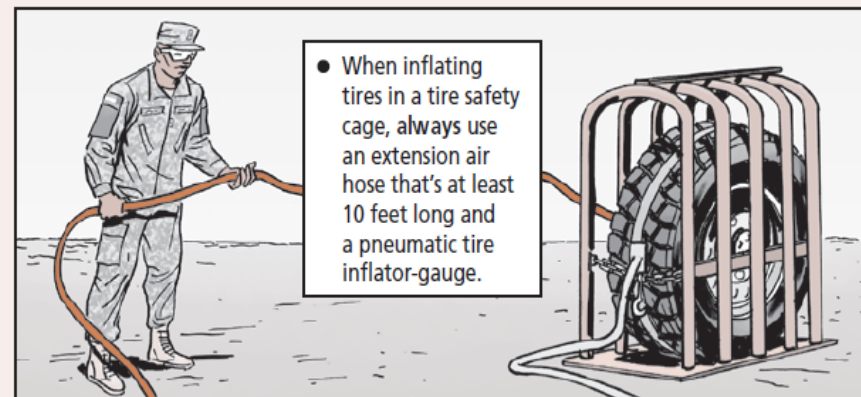
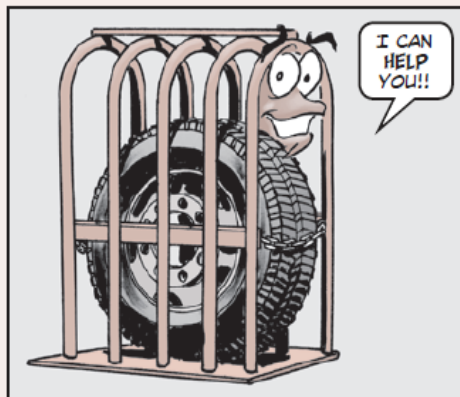
GUYS, GUYS! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO TACKLE ME! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE...

TACKLING TIRE MAINTENANCE!

Training qualifies you to perform tire maintenance, but the training has to be done the right way. That's because tire maintenance is a high-risk task. Everyone doing it must understand and correctly perform the procedures using the proper tools and equipment. Otherwise, someone could be injured or killed.

For units that choose to mount and de-mount their vehicle's tires, stay safe with these tire maintenance safety tips:

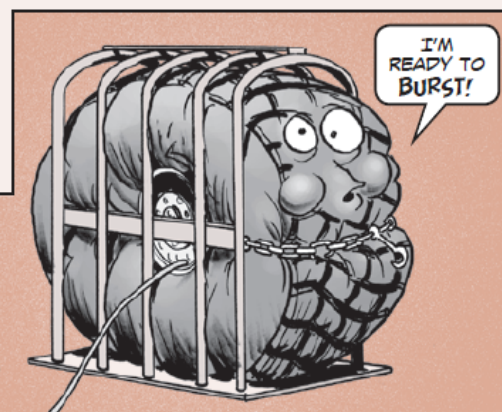
- Follow all the steps outlined in the vehicle's TMs, including cautions and warnings.
- Always use a tire safety cage when inflating a tire.
- Never lean, stand or reach over the tire during inflation. And stay out of the possible paths of exploding side ring flanges and lockrings.




- When inflating tires in a tire safety cage, always use an extension air hose that's at least 10 feet long and a pneumatic tire inflator-gauge.

- Make sure you apply composite risk management to all tasks, including tire maintenance. Take into account mission importance, equipment characteristics and environmental conditions.

- Never put hands or fingers near the rim flanges or bead seats. Keep all body parts out of the safety cage during inflation. Don't overinflate tires, either. Just stick to the psi requirements listed in the TM.



Also, order complete wheel assemblies through your SSA and turn in unserviceable wheel assemblies.



WANT MORE HELP WITH TIRE MAINTENANCE?

GO TO TM 9-2610-200-14, CARE, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, AND INSPECTION OF PNEUMATIC TIRES AND INNER TUBES:
<https://www.logsa.army.mil/etms/welcome1.cfm>

OR YOU CAN EYEBALL THESE OTHER RESOURCES ONLINE...

USACR/Safety Center's Driver's Training Toolbox:
<https://safety.army.mil/drivertrainingtoolbox>

OSHA Servicing Multi-Piece & Single-Piece Rim Booklet:
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/wheel/wheel-chart-booklet.pdf>

OSHA Dismounting and Mounting Tubeless Tires:
<http://www.osha.gov/Publications/wheel/3401tubeless-truck-bus-tires-wall-chart.pdf>